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LOYOLA SEEKS THIRD Q.U.A.A. TITLE FOR 1971-72

The Loyola Warriors, first place finishers in regular season league play, will host the fourth-place Bishop's Gaiters on Wednesday evening, March 8th, at the Loyola Athletic Complex in a semi-final Q.U.A.A. Section "A" playoff game. The contest is slated for an 8:00 P.M. start.

The Warrior squad is in quest of the third Q.U.A.A. title of the year for Loyola teams. In the fall, the Soccer Warriors took the championship with an undefeated record and last weekend the Junior Varsity Loyola Braves, under the direction of former N.Y. Ranger defenceman Don Johns, travelled to Chicoutimi, Quebec, and defeated the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi by a score of 8-4 to win the Q.U.A.A. Section "B" hockey title.

Wednesday's contest promises to be an interesting one. Although the Warriors defeated the Gaiters in all three of their meetings this year, since they last met in January the Lennoxville squad has embarked upon a 9 game undefeated string that earned them the coveted fourth playoff spot on the last weekend of the season. Included in that streak have been two upsets of the second-place Sir George Williams University Georgians.

The Warriors go into playoff competition with a league record of 16-2-3 and an overall mark of 26-2-3. Their loss at the hands of the R.M.C. Redmen last Friday put an end to a 27 game undefeated streak of their own.

Returning to the Loyola lineup for Wednesday's game will be Steve Sly and Gavin Kirk, both of whom toiled for Canada's Student National Team at the World University Games in Lake Placid last week. Kirk was outstanding for the Canadian team, scoring the tying goal in the dying seconds of the last Canada-Russian game to earn a 4-4 deadlock. Larry Carriere, another member of the Student National Team, is listed as a doubtful starter.

If the Warriors emerge victorious, the Q.U.A.A. championship game will be played Friday night, March 10th, at 8:00 P.M., also at the Loyola Athletic Complex.

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